



Paradise Kindergarten

Local walks Policy

Rationale

At Paradise Kindergarten we believe children learn inside and outside and in the 'real' world. Being out in the community to discover more about their world is a key part of the learning programme. Their connection to the natural real world enhances their sense of identity and belonging to kindergarten and the local community.

The requirements of the National Quality Standards are met;

- *QA1 1.1.1 Curriculum decision making contributes to each child's learning and development and outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.*
- *QA5 5.2.1 Each child is supported to work with, learn from and help others through collaborative learning opportunities.*
- *QA6 6.3.4 The service builds relationships and engages with the local community.*

Guidelines.

- Short walks include any excursion by children outside the kindergarten gate that does not include any type of motorised transport or crossing of a main road.
- Local walks may include, but are not limited to,
 - a walk to the letter box
 - a walk to local parks
 - a walk around the neighbourhood
 - a walk to local community buildings
- Parents will be informed of the possible dates where we may be going on these walks.
- If any kind of motorised transport or crossing of a main road is required a separate excursion from will be sent out for parents
- A risk/benefit assessment is completed for local walks with children and staff are safety aware at all times. Appropriate ratios of adults to children are always determined for each walk.

***This Policy** will be shared with all new staff and families, and available to view in the Preschool Policies Booklet and on the Preschool Website.*

***Enrolled families** will be asked to confirm they have read and understand this Policy by signing the*

Information & Consents Form at the time of enrolment.

Endorsed and Ratified by Staff and Governing Council 2017. To Be Reviewed 2018